

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (Canceled)

Claim 20. (Previously presented) A macroporous ceramic having pores in the range of 0.5 μm to 5 μm of substantially uniform diameter uniformly dispersed therein.

Claim 21. (Canceled)

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which the ceramic is a metal oxide.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which the ceramic is a metal oxide selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, zirconium dioxide and silicon dioxide.

Claim 24. (Previously presented) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which said pores have a maximum pore size difference of 20%.